

LETTERS FROM AN OLD SPORT TO HIS SON AT COLLEGE.

In Which He Compares the Future of the Studious College Graduate With That of the Ball-Playing Student.

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DEAR SON: I hope the seeds of advice which I drilled into your pasture during your winter of discontent out here in the wheat belt did not fall upon barren soil. I realize the fact that we old guys who have laid away a bunch of high-priced experience to grab down and hand put to posterity are playing a thankless role, as you young bucks would sooner go out and buy your own experience the same as we did. Experience that doesn't cost the consumer a couple of hundred plunks a hunk isn't considered much of a commodity. But if you take your old dad's tip you'll buy considerable of your experience second-handed. It is a blamable sight less expensive, and not so apt to put your ambition in the hospital. So when your dad hands you some of the brand for which he put up, you want to get it inside your conning tower for future use.

Of course, you're up to the fact that you're enrolled in that knowledge factory for the sole purpose of boosting your college ability, and not to waste

your time acquiring a useless collection of knowledge concerning the minor professions of law, medicine, etc. I'd sooner have you cultivate your batting eye than your business eye, and your throwing arm is more important to your future success than your writing hand. I'd sooner see your name in the batting order of a big league baseball team than heading the list of successful candidates in a national election.

The time was when the successful man of affairs was the big smoke in the community, but the world has moved up a notch since then. Now he looks as small as the religious column in the Police Gazette compared with the guy who steals home with the winning run in the ninth inning. You want to keep abreast of the times, son, and follow the profession with a future and not that with a past. Give the icy mitt to these moss-grown maxims expounded by prehistoric professors, and lend your ear to the baseball coach.

To see the wisdom of this advice, son, just pause long enough to compare the baseball graduate of the American college with his scholarly brother. The



and steel from reading "When Knight-hood Was in Flower."

No, son, there was a time when education was a strong factor in the welfare of the nation; this was 'way back in the dark ages along about the time when the canal boat was a strong factor in the interstate commerce of the nation. There were a lot of old moss-backs then, who sneered at the first rail-boat, just as a lot of these pterodactyl instructors in the knowledge factories continue to drill dead languages into youthful think-tanks and ignore the mile posts which have been passed in the march of progress. But the choo-choo cars caused the canal boat to get the hen fruit in its shoe and beat it into the dim distant past, and the kid nowadays who wasted his time on the slow-moving vehicle of booklearning will find himself sitting by the wayside between stations when the limited express to fame whizzes by.

Where are the boys who went to Bucknell College with Christy Mathewson and "Ducky" Yell? The world never hears of them. What classmates of Fred Tenney, Clarence Beaumont, Frank Chance, or Hugh Jennings have ever made a whole country hoarse from shouting the praises of their name? What lawyer, doctor, politician or scientist has made the American public other than in reckless enthusiasm over their accomplishments? What event in the ordinary life of a literary genius or captain of industry will block the traffic in front of the newspaper bulletins for hours like the everyday doing of a baseball player?

There, son, you have the object lesson of the present day, and if there is any truth in the saying that "coming events cast their shadows before," we may soon expect to see the national baseball



INTERCITY GOLF MATCH AT CHEVY CHASE COURSE

The first important golf match of the season will be held at the Chevy Chase course next Saturday when an intercity match will be played between teams representing Washington and Philadelphia. Single matches will be played in the morning, and four-ball matches in the afternoon.

The Philadelphia team will be made up of from ten to sixteen players, and a like number will represent Washington, an equal number being selected from the Chevy Chase and Columbia clubs.

Washington Candidates.

The personnel of the Washington team has not yet been definitely settled, but will probably be chosen from the following players: Samuel Dalzell, George C. Lafferty, Morven Thompson, Alexander Britton, Dr. W. M. Gray, W. S. Keyburn, W. R. Tuckerman, and Franklin Ellis, of Chevy Chase; and Dr. Lee L. Harban, Dr. Walter S. Harban, A. S. Mattingly, J. William McKinley, E. S. Duvall, L. S. Fristoe, L. W. Weaver, and George Weaver, of Columbia.

The Philadelphia team will be selected from the following players: H. B. MacFarland, Huntington Valley Country Club; A. H. Smith, Huntington Valley Country Club; H. W. Fern, Philadelphia Cricket Club; A. W. Tillinghast,

Philadelphia Cricket Club; W. C. Houston, Philadelphia Cricket Club; D. Fleming, Mt. Airy Country Club; G. Dixon, Springhaven Country Club; G. Crump, Philadelphia Country Club; A. Service, Philadelphia Country Club; R. E. Hanson, Philadelphia Country Club; P. A. Castner, Philadelphia Country Club; R. W. Harvey, Philadelphia Country Club; P. W. Harrison, Philadelphia Country Club; R. E. Griscom, Merion Cricket Club; H. L. Wilson, Merion Cricket Club; C. Farnum, Huntingdon Valley Country Club; T. S. Mather, Huntingdon Valley Country Club; F. C. Lineaweaver, Philadelphia Cricket Club; P. Mackie, Philadelphia Country Club; and R. C. James, Springhaven Country Club.

Invitation to Dine.

Alexander Britton, who is a member of both the Chevy Chase and Columbia Clubs, has extended an invitation to those taking part in the match to dine with him at the clubhouse at the conclusion of the day's play.

Washington has never won an intercity match with Philadelphia, but hopes to make a better showing this spring than ever before. The course at Chevy Chase is in excellent condition and is several weeks ahead of any of the courses around Philadelphia. In view of the fact that the local golfers are

more familiar with the links this should be a decided advantage in their favor. W. Smith, who has been champion of the Philadelphia Golf Association several times, has been in Washington trying the course, and will no doubt impart much valuable information to his fellow-golfers from the Quaker City.

Abandons Fall Tournament. Whereas the Chevy Chase Club has held two open tournaments heretofore—one in the spring and the other in the fall—a radical departure from the custom will be taken this year, and the club will hold but one tournament open to non-members of the club. To replace the fall tournament, a match for the club championship will be held. The spring tournament will be played on May 1 and 11.

Sam Dalzell and Frank Ellis will play off the final in the match for the Tuckerman Cup before next Saturday. This match should prove interesting as both of them are on their game and playing good golf.

Chevy Chase Schedule.

The schedule of matches at Chevy Chase has been arranged for the remainder of the season as follows: April 27—Intercity match, Washington vs. Philadelphia. April 23 to 25—Final round, Tuckerman Cup. May 4—Kickers' handicap and women's medal handicap.

point to such figures as these for amassing wealth? It's easy money, son, and all the education I want you to acquire is just enough to enable you to sign a contract intelligently and be skillful in repartee with the umpire.

You dad mightn't know as much about glacial period and prehistoric man as some of the fossil pedagogues, but he has trimmed his lamps on a few things regarding the graft period and up-to-date man, which perhaps these knowledge venders have overlooked; it's all well enough for them to say that "the best place to empty your purse is into your head," but who wants to know where to empty their purse, anyway? The most important question is where to fill your purse, and you can take it from me that a good batting eye will plug up the vacancy a blamed sight quicker than an educated brain.

Now, for instance, did you ever hear of a manufacturer or any employer in commercial life taking his employees on an extended tour in tropical climates every year for their health? Not that you can notice, I guess. They chain them to a desk, and about all they see of the country foliage is a sprig of parsley on a 15 cent steak at the noon hour. In contrast to this we have the map of tropical United States splattered with baseball players every spring, having a good time at their employers' expense. As an example of the way these base-

ball magnates blow in their coin, in a game in New York last season it cost the New York Americans \$15 outside of the regular expenses to retire one man, Center Fielder Lord, of the Philadelphia Athletics, came to bat in the fifth inning and swiped six long fouls into the left-field bleachers and skied six more over the grand stand before he was retired. According to the rules, a new ball had to be furnished each time, and none of the balls put out of the game by Lord were returned, that dozen lost balls cost the local management an even \$15. Had the bases been full at the time with the score tied and Lord the third man out, the New York management would have considered the put-out dirt cheap at that price. I've seen situations in ball games when the magnates would have given \$100 to retire one man.

They can spout all they want to about the philanthropists who have made so much money in commercial life that they can't give it all away, but you'll notice they aren't giving any of it to their employees. They spent it endorsing in situations which they never used themselves when they were kids. John D. Rockefeller has just given \$2,000,000 to the cause of education, but he never learned how to squeeze it out of the oil operator in the spelling class. Carnegie can build all the public libraries he wants to, but you can gamble that he didn't learn how to make iron



MIKE SULLIVAN'S CHANCE TONIGHT

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 22.—"Honey" Melody and Mike (Twin) Sullivan, who are scheduled for a twenty-round fight at 145 pounds tonight before the Pacific Athletic Club, have drawn the biggest advance sale of tickets in many months, and as both men profess to be in the pink of condition, a good fight is expected.

Melody has been training at the East Side Athletic Club, and the watchful eye of Johnny Mooney, his manager, and "Molly" McDonald, while Sullivan has done his work at Arcadia, being assisted and advised by his brother Jack. Both training quarters have been watched by the ones who make training quarters a specialty and on this Melody has been installed a hot 10 to 8 favorite. More money is being bet on the fight than on anything since the Burns-O'Brien fight and the short-enders are eating up the Melody end.

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The probable lineup will be: Business—Donnelly, second base; Hamann, center field; Keane, third base; Zannelli, short stop; Hubbard, left field; Keenan, first base; Welker, right field; Broke, catcher; Powell, pitcher.

Central—M. MacDonald, third base; Turton, shortstop; A. MacDonald, first base; Rogers, left field; Richardson, catcher; Tugert, center field; Smith, second base; Thomas, right field; Rheem, pitcher.

OCTAGONS DOWN UTOPIANS.

In the Temple League yesterday the Octagons defeated the Utopians by 14 to 7. The Utopians played an execrable game in the field, accumulating eleven errors.

The score by innings: R.H.E. Octagons 4 5 1 0 0 1 0 3 4 15 3 Utopians 1 0 2 2 0 0 1 0 7 9 11 Batteries—S. Fisher and M. Fisher; Stern and H. Cohen.

ST. JOHN'S JUNIORS WIN.

St. John's Juniors defeated the Washington School for Boys yesterday by 17 to 5. S. J. C. Juniors... 1138211—17-14-3 W. School for Boys, 1002002—5-3-3 Batteries—Babbington and Ryan; Flowerria and Lehman.

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